Sl.No.	Coal Field	Block	Name of Allottee
	Mahanadi Coalfields Limited		
23.	Ib-Valley	Talabira I	INDALCO
24.	Ib-Valley	Talabira II	Samlai / Panda
25.	Talcher	Utkal-A	Kalinga Power
26.	Talcher	Utkal-B1	VPL / TMPL
27.	Talcher	Utkal-C	ICCL
	Bharat Coking Coal Ltd.		
28.	Jharia	Tasra	SAIL

Trade with some Countries

1215. SHRI MOHINDAR SINGH KALYAN: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether trade between India, America, U.K. Pakistan, China, had doubled during the last one year;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the necessary steps being taken by Government to increase the trade among the aforesaid countries?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE (SHRI RAMAKRISHNA HEGDE): (a) to (c) As per the provisional data received from the Directorate General of Commercial Intelligence & Statistics (DGCI&S), the total value of foreign trade between India, America, U.K., Pakistan and China respectively, during 1996-97 and 1997-98, in Rupee terms are:

(Rs. crores)

Country	Total Value of Trade (Export+Imports) 1996-97	1997-98
America	36356.58	38150.34
United Kingdom	14844.60	16274.35
Pakistan	686.48	676.82
China	4869.57	6835.27

Many steps have been taken in the direction of improving Bilateral and commercial relations. Bilateral Government Contacts between various economic ministeries and organisations have grown substantially over the last few years. There has also been an increase in the number of trade delegations exchanged with these countries. There is also an endeavour to adopt specific measures to strengthen the cooperation and raise dilateral trade and economic relations to a new level. Under the SAARC Preferential Trade Arrangements (SAPTA), import duties are being brought down and non-tariff barriers are being removed to promote bilateral trade between India and Pakistan. Target is to establish a Free Trade Area among all SAARC member countries including India and Pakistan by 2001 A.D. Inspite of repeated proposals from India, Pakistan has not agreed to grant Most Favoured Nation (MFN) treatment to imports from India and continues to adopt a restrictive policy on imports from India.

Corruption Charges Against Officials of S.T.C.

1216. SHRI GOPALSINH G. SOLANKI: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there have been charges of corruption and other arts of malpractices levelled against the officials and lower level employees of the State Trading Corporation;